

Ed is a man of extraordinary character. He has worked by the sweat of his brow, and he has worked by the labor of his mind. He has taken care of his own, and he has fought for what was right. Ed has a spirit of adventure and courage. On an impulse, he played hooky from Princeton for a full year while he joined his father on a round-the-world tour in 1936. Ed was in the Navy in World War II, and he took care of his men. When the ship's refrigerator broke down during a long stay in a foreign port, and the crew had no fresh food for a week, he disappeared for half the day, only to return with a barrow full of fresh fish that he himself had caught. The whole ship feasted and the next day the coast where he had fished was full of American sailors trying their luck.

Ed married his sweetheart Lucia in 1941, and built his family with love and care. Today, his five children have fond memories of their parents standing beside their beds, singing duets as they tucked them in. Every morning, Ed drove the children to school, and along the way he would sing to them. As the children got older, Ed would take turns reading books aloud in the evenings, and around the dinner table he would talk politics. They could see his concern, and they came to share it. In 1956, he paid his kids a penny an envelope to address, stamp and seal letters of concern that were sent to every Member of Congress with regard to the heroes of the Hungarian Uprising. Today, their five children and ten grandchildren are productive, patriotic citizens scattered around the country—but, I am happy to say, two of his sons are still living in Illinois.

Ed has made significant financial contributions to individuals, to the arts, and to charities both large and small, many of which are marked "anonymous". I once asked his family for a photograph of him and they did not have one. Ed isn't the kind of man who would sit for a portrait photo. That modesty is another facet of his distinction as an individual.

Ed, you're a great American. I am honored to call you friend.

RECOGNIZING THE CHARITABLE GOOD WORKS OF THE OCEAN- SIDE ELKS LODGE #1561

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75 years of good works and charity of the Oceanside Elks Lodge #1561. On May 31, 1929, the Oceanside Elks Lodge became a reality in the Palomar Theater building in Oceanside, California, with 129 charter members.

The first business meeting took place on June 28, 1929. Since that time, the Lodge has held meetings in three different locations ending in their current facility at 444 Country Club Lane in downtown Oceanside.

The motto, "Elks Care and Elks Share," is well established in the order of Elks, and the Oceanside Lodge has been one of the leaders in monies donated to worthy causes since its beginning. Over the last 15 years, the Oceanside Lodge has donated over \$482,624 to charitable causes, such as direct student scholarships, VA Hospitals, the American

Heart Association, youth groups and a host of other local charities.

The Elks National Order has donated in excess of \$3 billion to charity during its 137 years, second only to the United States Government in total donations.

When founded in 1868, the Elks Lodge was a fraternal organization. However, the Oceanside Lodge is proud to recognize Donna Stewart as their first female Elk and Claudia Dineen as their first female Exalted Ruler.

Their Current Exalted Ruler, Robert F. Neal, is a long-time, respected member of the community and is working to increase the charitable contributions to even greater heights.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is vital that we in Congress recognize the 187 years of service and charitable good works of the Elks Lodge and the 75 years of generosity of the Oceanside Elks Lodge #1561 to their local community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. HAROLD KATNER

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has selflessly served his community for many years. Since the very beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic—more than 20 years ago—Dr. Harold Katner has been a leader in Middle Georgia's fight against AIDS. Through education, research, and treatment, Dr. Katner has spent the bulk of his career working to help the victims of this disease.

When HIV/AIDS was first discovered, public fear of the disease was intense and its victims were often loathed and shunned. Recognizing the need to quell the public's fears, Dr. Katner realized that educating a skeptical public would be crucial in the fight against AIDS. He resolved to educate Middle Georgians whenever and wherever he could. Still today, Dr. Katner educates students of all levels—middle school, medical school, high school, college, as well as medical professionals. And his teaching efforts have not been limited to Mercer University or even to Georgia. Dr. Katner has given international presentations and has been recognized by various national organizations and international entities. One of his colleagues put it best: "He gives AIDS presentations everywhere and anywhere, speaking to any group that invites him to talk" about this devastating medical and social issue.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his efforts to educate the public, Dr. Katner has also treated AIDS patients from the beginning. As a pioneer in the early 1980's, he was the only physician in the City of Macon who would treat AIDS patients. Treating a disease that disproportionately affects those in poverty is a special challenge because many of its victims cannot afford treatment, and understanding the financial difficulties facing many patients, Dr. Katner offered medical care without concern for remuneration. To this day, much of the treatment and education he offers is to those in poverty, particularly to the younger, more vulnerable members of society. For his work with patients, Dr. Katner has been recognized by the American Medical Association

and Mercer University named him Attendant of the Year five times in 10 years.

Dr. Katner's research efforts have been prolific, as well. He has published his research extensively and has presented his work to help educate his peers, as well as the general public. His credentials are considerable, and yet he is remains a caring, humble physician, dedicated to his patients in true homage to the Hippocratic Oath.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Katner's efforts in fighting against the AIDS epidemic—through research, treatment, education—have truly been those of a hero. Today, I hope that Middle Georgia and the country will join me in thanking this public servant, in the truest sense, for his tremendous efforts to help both the victims of AIDS and stop the spread of this epidemic.

PROTECTS ACT OF 2004

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join Rep. JAMES OBERSTAR (Minn) in introducing the Protecting Railroad Operators, Travelers, Employees, and Communities with Transportation Security Act of 2004 (PROTECTS Act). The bill authorizes nearly \$1.3 billion to provide better railroad security and response to terrorist attacks.

The federal government is spending \$4.4 billion this year on aviation security, but it's spending only \$65 million on rail security, even though five times as many people take trains as planes every day.

The bill authorizes \$500 million to be appropriated for freight and passenger rail security improvements, a total of \$597 million for Amtrak's fire and life-safety improvements, \$65 million for system-wide Amtrak security upgrades, and a total of \$100 million for rail research and development. It also provides for improved training and equipment for railroad employees and local emergency personnel to better respond to terrorist incidents.

Increased funding for rail security is something this country desperately needs, particularly in light of the terrible metro rail tragedy in Madrid. The nation's rail infrastructure has been treated like the stepchild of the overall transportation system. It is finally time we dedicate our resources to providing rail security for our nation's citizens.

After September 11th we started spending money like crazy on security, but I'm not sure we are getting our money's worth out of many of the programs we developed. That's why it is so important that we tailor a security program that truly meets the needs of our rail lines and passengers. The security measures we put in place for Aviation will not work for Rail. We need to learn from the mistakes that were made in developing aviation security, and apply what we learned in developing a rail security program.

But we can't keep treating our rail infrastructure as a second class citizen. We have dedicated billions of dollars to the airline industry, and created a grant program for the nation's ports, but have done little to invest in the security upgrades our rail infrastructure needs.

We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I know that everyone in Washington is dedicated to protecting our railways from attack.